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SOCIETY NEWS AND NOTES

Recent Meetings

Bruce Nelson introduced the speaker at the March 27 meeting, remarking that the English are using computers to put a family tree onto cassettes or magnetic disks, and then to search for information or trace the beginnings of new families, saving much time in the researching of extensive English family histories.

The speaker was Peter Shaldenbrand, former president of the Detroit Genealogical Society and the Farmington Genealogical Society, and a teacher of computer science at Farmington High School. He began by requesting any information on his own family, the Fullertons in Augusta Township of Washtenaw County.

Mr. Shaldenbrand talked first about the equipment, or hardware, to buy. The various systems of Radio Shack, Apple, Vic 20, IBM PC, etc., are more appropriate than others such as Atari which are geared mostly to games. They all use BASIC language (an acronym indicating Beginners All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code) but programs (software) cannot be used interchangeably in different systems. Hardware consists primarily of a keyboard containing the central processing unit (CPU) and the memory space, which can usually be expanded, expressed as for instance 16 K. An interface is used to connect additional devices such as disk drives, printer, and a modem or telephone connection to outside information sources.

Software refers to programs of information the computer can read. The information is stored on plastic disks with iron oxide glued on. Double density disks can hold 250,000 K capacity information; 500,000 K disks are being developed. Programs may have to be modified to use in your computer, even when designed for that system. It would be wise to have a program demonstrated before buying, and even to check out the program you are interested in before buying a computer. You may also want to learn to write your own programs.

Mr. Shaldenbrand demonstrated a program called "Family" which was roughly equivalent to family sheets, listing parents, grandparents and children, and a five-generation lineage chart. There is much information however that does not fit into that program, and the numbering does not correspond to a genealogical numbering system.

Word processing is a good use of the computer. If you write a book on the computer and you get new information, you can call the file up from the diskette, insert new information into the diskette, or make changes, and then print a new page. He put up on the word processor screen some of the first pages of his book showing the capability for rewriting sentences, rearranging the length of line, etc. It can search the text for a name, and can create an index with page numbers for your book. It even has a wild card capability to use in searching census (which is already entered into the system) for surnames frequently misspelled.

With a modem you can access by telephone various data banks, and your computer can talk with similar computers to search whatever is available electronically, such as weather and stock market reports. At this time little genealogical data is available. In the future such materials might be accessible, such as from Salt Lake City, but safeguarding such material is a problem.

In answer to a question, he said that computer software companies won't give you your money back if you find that you can't use a program, since they are too easy to copy. It is wise to have a program demonstrated to be sure it is what you want. It is also difficult to write a program for someone else. It might be well to learn to write your own programs.

He cautioned using care in selecting computer to be sure it will do what you want, and that modifications and additions to the system can be made. Be sure that service is convenient. Different computer centers handle different brands, and parts and programs are mostly not interchangeable.

Judge Samuel Dexter was the subject of Frank Wilhelme's talk to GSWC on February 27. Wilhelme, a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, became interested in the life of Judge Dexter while he was teaching Michigan history in the Dexter schools.

Samuel W. Dexter was born in 1792 in Boston, Massachusetts, where his father was a prominent politician and secretary of war under President Adams, and he earned a law degree at Harvard. He came to Michigan in 1824, purchasing large tracts of land in the state. Several times he was accused of bribing county officials so they would locate county seats on his land. He bought 1800 acres of land in Washtenaw County, founding the village of Dexter in 1824, and promoting unsuccessfully the building of a canal through Michigan just above Dexter and on west.

Politically he was a conservative Whig, and helped to form a third, anti-masonic , party against Andrew Jackson, a mason. The newspaper Western Immigrant was owned for a time by John Allen and Judge Dexter. In his later life he was in poor health, and died in 1863.

In the discussion that followed it was brought out that his home, Gordon Hall, was thought to be a station on the underground railroad.

Burton Historical Collection was the principal resource for Wilhelme's research, but he found letters scattered in other places.

Reviews by Betty Brandt

Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library (HHGL), U. of M., Ann Arbor

In the HHGL microform room may be obtained the reels to the Michigan portion of the microfilm series "County Histories of the Old Northwest". This film version is handy because county histories from a variety of sources were filmed and whenever there was an index that too was filmed. Many of these indexes, of course, are in manuscript form and cannot be found in every library. So it may be that you can find on this film an index to a county history that previously you had consulted without benefit of index. A paperbound index to these histories, available through the desk, will list the reel number you want. You may then ask for the proper reel at the desk. No identification is necessary. B. Snow.

The staff of the HHGL microform room has been indexing Ann Arbor newspapers beginning with September 1976. Included is local news from the Ann Arbor News, the Ann Arbor Observer, the University Record, and the Michigan Daily. Obituaries are included. There is a lag of about three months before the fische appears in the room. Ask at the desk for this. Subscribers to this microfische include the Ann Arbor News, the Ann Arbor Public Library and the State Library. Here the fische is probably found in the periodical room.

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IN MEMORIAM

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WHO WERE THE CONGDONS OF CHELSEA, MICHIGAN?

By Ralph W. Muncy

The Congdons of Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan came to Michigan from Chelsea Landing- now Norwich- Connecticut in 1832. Chelsea Landing was the head of tidewaters on the Thames River which empties into Long Island Sound below New London. Elisha and James Congdon bought land on which the Village of Chelsea now stands, in 1834. They also purchased land for their brother, David, who intended to come to Michigan. David remained in Connecticut and Elisha sold his land for him a few years later. Other members of the Congdon family followed Elisha and James to Michigan.

Two errors, one in a County history and one in the records of the Congdon family, illustrate the care which is required in compiling any records. I once learned of the response of the author of a widely used text on American History to a complaint that the author had quoted a well-known person as having stated the exact opposite to what that person had said. The author responded that "there must be a special place reserved in hell for authors who commit such errors." He added that no author knew enough to avoid having to rely on others for information and that much of the information in the text was not his own. He, then, made the astonishing comment that his publisher required him to revise the text every two years. His method of revision was that "I try to change one word in every paragraph"!

Chapman's History of Washtenaw County stated that the Congdons had named Chelsea, Michigan after their former place of residence in Massachusetts. One wonders where the interviewers for Chapman obtained the information since members of the family who had lived at Chelsea Landing were residing in Chelsea, Michigan at the time that Chapman gathered the information.

The other error had to do with the ancestry of Abigail Miner who married Elisha Congdon II. They were the parents of the Congdons of Chelsea, Michigan. Several family records and a record by a Connecticut genealogist stated that Abigail was a fifth generation descendant of Thomas Miner of Stonington, Connecticut. Research proved that relationship to have been incorrect. A brief letter by a granddaughter of Abigail Miner provided the only clue by which to determine her ancestry. That letter stated that a brother of Abigail, Thomas, had been killed in the battle for Fort Griswold near New London in 1781; that the Miners lived about twelve miles from New London; and that her father, no given name provided, had served five years in the Revolution. That meager information enabled this author with the help of others to determine that Abigail was a great granddaughter of William Maynard who came to New London, Connecticut from Devonshire in England. The error had, unfortunately crept into a few copies of "The Congdons of Chelsea, Michigan" which had reached several libraries. The author is preparing a revision which will contain additional descendants of the Congdons about whom he has learned since the first printing.

Two episodes in the search for the ancestry of Abigail Miner will serve to remind family historians of the need to be diligent. A Connecticut searcher had exhausted the contents of a box at the State Library which contained various Miner records. He was about to return the contents to the box when he noticed a crumpled up envelope at the bottom of the box. That envelope, probably overlooked by others, contained the information which, eventually, resolved the identity of Abigail Miner.

A history of New London, Connecticut revealed that William Maynard had a brother, George, at Fordingbridge (Hampshire) England. Inquiries of the Vicar

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of the Parish church at Fordingbridge brought a negative response- namely that he found nothing relative to a George Maynard. The author of this record subsequently visited Fordingbridge. A new Vicar had come to Fordingbridge. He produced indexes of births, marriages and deaths which the previous Vicar seems not to have known about. Among the last items to be discovered was an entry of the burial at Fordingbridge in 1719 of George Maynard of Alderholt in Devonshire, eight miles from Fordingbridge. There was no Parish Church in Alderholt at the time.

The ancestry of the Congdons who came to Michigan appears to begin with John who settled in Charles River County, Virginia in 1650. There is no record that John's wife was living. There were three brothers, David, John and Benjamin. Benjamin migrated to Kingston, Rhode Island. He married Elizabeth Albro. Their son, John, moved to New London, Connecticut. John, 1676-1743, married Mary Smith. Their son John, 1705-c.1759, married Mehitable Gardner. Their son Elisha I, 1740-1761, married Nancy Ann Perkins. They were the parents of Elisha II. Elisha II, 1760-1812, married Abigail Miner (Minard, Maynard), 1768-1858. They were the parents of the Congdons who migrated to Sylvan Township.

Many New England families moved into New York State with several stops there before going on to Michigan. The Congdons left no such roots along the way. The Congdon children worked in textile mills along with their mother Abigail after the death of their father in 1812 in a tragic accident. Where did Elisha II and his brother James accumulate sufficient finances to thus make the move to Michigan and to purchase substantial acreages both for themselves and a brother, David?

The children of Elisha II and Abigail were:

1. Diana, 1793-1841. She married John Case. They remained in Connecticut.
2. Abby, 1796-1886. She married twice, one to William Hancock and two to ______Moseley. They remained in Connecticut.
3. Fannie, 1798-1878. She married Erastus Whaley. They migrated to Chelsea, MI.
4. Elisha III, 1799-1867. His first marriage was to Mary Ann Sterry, a daughter of Consider Sterry and Mary Norman Beebe. They had three children: Elisha IV, Mary and Thomas. Nothing is known of Mary. Elisha IV and Thomas moved to Michigan with their father and his second wife, Elouiza Standish. The second wife of Elisha III, Elouiza Standish was a daughter of Mary Ann Sterry's sister Sarah who married Thomas Standish. Sarah was a daughter of Consider Sterry by his first wife, Sabra Park. Elisha had several children by Elouiza. He married Mrs. Emily Stowe after the death of Elouiza. Elisha's children found her to be a caring and adoring mother.

Elisha was a delegate to the "Frost Bitten Convention" which was held in Ann Arbor in December 1836. The proceedings of that convention resulted in Michigan's admission as a state in February, 1837. Elisha also served in the Michigan legislature. He was a merchant and had property and business interests in Ann Arbor.

Thomas Congdon, son of Elisha II and gr. Grandfather of Ralph Muncy was a tradesman as well as a farmer and school teacher. He carted merchandise by team and wagon from Monroe through Tecumseh and Manchester to Chelsea. There were occasional trips to Stockbridge and as far as St. Johns in Clinton County. Thomas married Harriet Harris, daughter of Asahel S. Harris and Nancy M. Smith who settled in Lima Township. Asahel owned and operated a hotel in Chelsea prior to his death in the 1850s.

The remaining four children of Elisha II and Abigail were:

5. David, 1802-1876. David was married twice, first to Abby Winchester, second to Mary C. Stebbins. They remained in Connecticut.
6. James M., 1805-1888. James was married twice, first to Laura Miner and second to Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Lincoln Maine. Nothing is known as to whether

Laura Miner may have been of the Thomas Miner family of Stonington, Connecticut or, possibly, of the Maynard family. It is known that David Minard, grandfather of Abigail Miner Congdon had seven children. At this time, the names of but two, Thomas and Abigail have been learned. It is hoped that some living descendant of James and Laura Miner Congdon may have this information and will pass it along to the author of this article.

James Congdon was also a farmer and a merchant. He, also, served in the Michigan legislature.

7. Daniel, birth and death dates are not known. Daniel married Eliza Barstow, an adoptee whose blood surname may have been Stoddar. Daniel is known to have resided in Pittsburg, PA and in Chicago, IL. Arthur Burke,whose pencilled notes about the Congdons are in the possession of this author stated that Daniel was buried in Paw Paw, Michigan. Other searchers may wish to pursue this lead.

8. Charles, 1810-1883, came to Chelsea in 1856. He married Harriet Marie Manning. It was a daughter of theirs who had known her grandmother, Abigail, who wrote the letter which lead to the correct ancestry of Abigail Miner. Charles engaged in trade. Several of his descendants followed the occupation. A great-grandson, Eugene Congdon, is currently the proprietor of a hardware store in Ypsilanti.

Congdon children and descendants married into other surnames born by other settlers in Sylvan Township and vicinity. They are to be found in large numbers in Michigan and throughout the United States by a host of surnames other than Congdon.

One home-site of the Congdons remains in the heart of Chelsea which stands as a tradition to the first settlers of Sylvan Township, a tradition of interests in education and history. That residence is now the McKune Memorial Library. The structure was the third residence which was built by Elisha Congdon II. It became a hotel under the ownership of a McKune family. It bears the McKune name as a library.

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THE RED SCHOOL CENTENNIAL REUNION

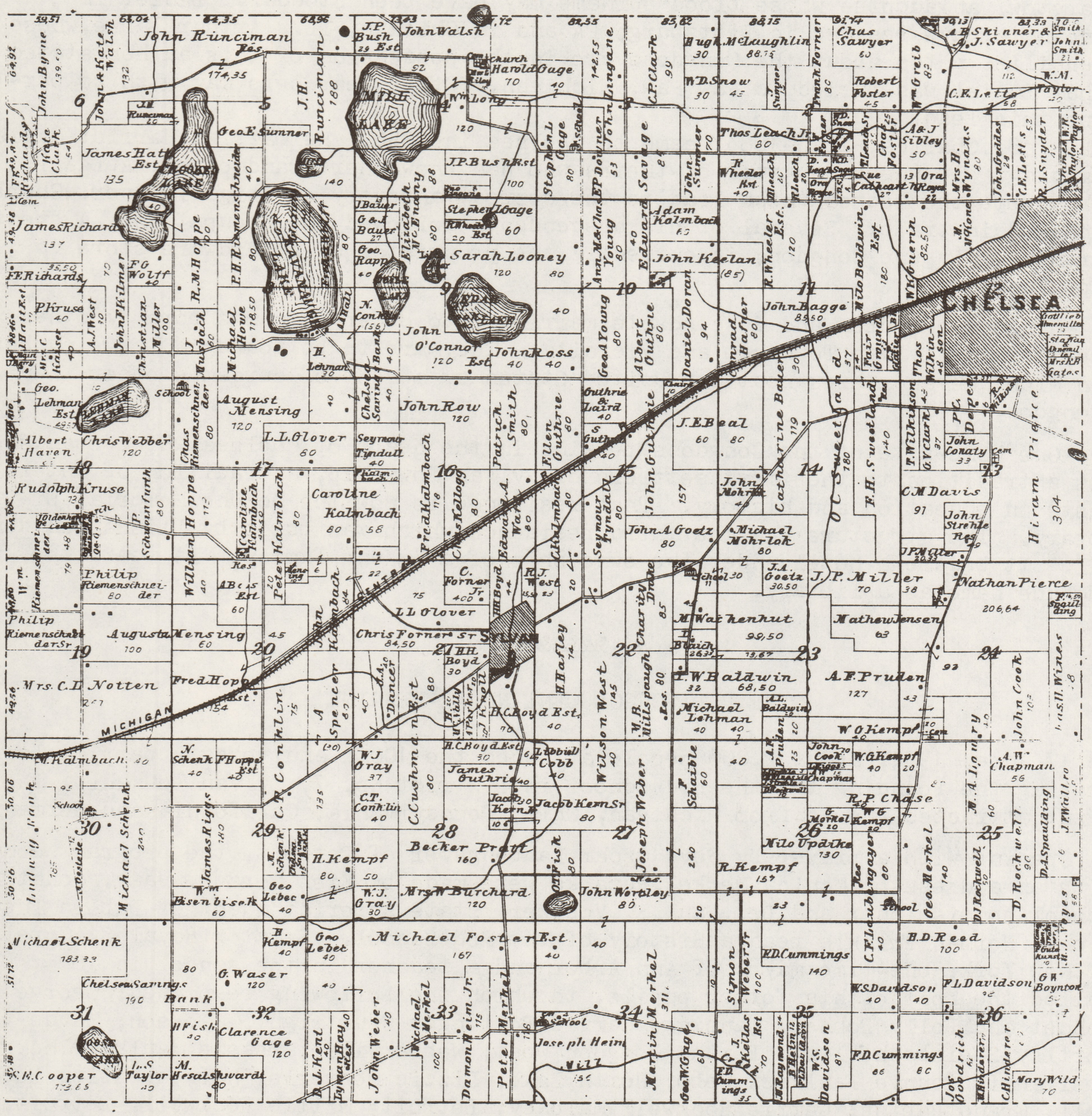
On 17 June, 1934, about 2,000 people attended the 100th anniversary party celebrating the founding the the Red School in District No. 7, Sylvan Township. The event attracted guests from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, California and Germany..

Opening with a prayer by Rev. Oscar Laubengayer of Detroit, the program commenced with an address by Monica Merkel.Remarks were made by Miss Cora L. Haas, county school commissioner and Dr. Paul F. Voelker, state superintendent of Public Instruction. Herman Frinkle read a History of the Red School. Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York, one-time mayor of Ann Arbor and a teacher in the school in 1885 called the roll of his former pupils, to which the following responded: George Bohnet and Polly Bohnet, Lansing; Carrie Bollinger Courtright, Jackson; Maude Wortley Steinbach,Flint; Bertha Congdon West, Webberville; Bessie Faulkner Morris, Ypsilanti; Jennie Faulkner Webb, North Lake; Lizzie Oesterle,Chelsea; Allen Rockwell, Grand Rapids; Carrie Rockwell Maloney, Detroit; Millie Rockwell, Detroit; Kate Updike Soper, Pinckney; Thomas Vail, J. Edward Weber, George Hinderer, Chelsea.

A poem entitled "The Red School", by N.W.Newkirk of Ann Arbor is also printed in this lengthy report from The Chelsea Standard, 21 June 1934.

MAP OF SYLVAN

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile. **Townships 2 South Range 3 East** *of the Meridian of Michigan*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LAIRD, S.(?) Sec 15, 10a.
LAIRD & GUTHRIE Sec 15, 40a.
LAUBENGAYER, C.F. Sec 26, 80a. Sec 35,40a.
LEACH, D.L. Sec 2, 20a.
LEACH, D. Sec 2, 10a.
LEACH, R.L. Sec 2, 20a.
LEACH, Thos. Jr. Sec 2, 80a.
LEACH, T. Sr. Sec 2, 25a.
LEBEC, Geo. Sec 29,40a. Sec 32, 40a.
LEHMAN, Geo. Est. Sec 18, 49+a.
LEHMAN, H. Sec 8, 30a.
LEHMAN, Michael Sec 22,40a. Sec 23, 40a. Sec 26, 40a.
LETTS, C.E. Sec 1, 58a. 52a.
LONG, Wm. Sec 4, 120a.
LOONEY, Sarah Sec 9, 200a.
LOWRY, M.A. Sec 24, 40a. Sec 25,60a.
LINGANE, John Sec 3, 142+a.
LINGANE, Jno. Sec 4, 8a.
McENANY, Elizabeth Sec 4, 88a. Sec 9, 80a.
McKONE, M. Sec 12,---
McLAUGHLIN Sec 2, 88+a. Sec 3, 30a.
McNALLY Sec 21, 20a.
MAIN, A. & BERRY, J. SEc 7, 8a.
MENSING, August Sec 17, 120a.
MENSING, A. Sec 20, 10a.

MENSING, Augusta,Sec 19, 100a. Sec 20,60a.
MERKEL, G. Sec 26, 20a.
MERKEL, Geo. Sec 25, 140a.
MERKEL, Martin Sec 34, 311a.
MERKEL, Michael Sec 33, 100a.
MERKEL, Peter Sec 33, 118a.
MILLER, Christian Sec 7, 100a. Sec 18, 10a.
MILLER, J.P. Sec 13, 20+a. Sec 23, 70a. Sec 24, 38a.
MILLSPAUGH, M.B. Sec 22, 80a.
MOHRLOK, John Sec 14, 40a.
MOHRLOK, Michael Sec14, 80a. Sec 23, 30a. Sec 22,11a.
MUSBACH, J. Sec 8, 60a.
NOTTEN, Mrs. C.L. Sec 19, 257(?) a Sec 30, 40a.
NOYES, M.J. Sec 25, 38a. Sec 36, 20a.
O.&.G. Sec 18, 4a.
O'CONNER, John, Est. Sec 9, 120a.
OESTERLE, A. Sec 30, 12a.
PARKER, A. Sec 21, 20a.
PIERCE, Hiram Sec 13, 304a.
PIERCE, Nathan Sec 24, 206+a.
PRATT, Becker Sec 28, 160a.
PRUDEN, A.F. Sec 23, 127a. 20a. Sec 24, 43a. Sec 26, 25a.
RANK, Ludwig SEc 30, 185a.
RAPP, Geo. Sec 9, 40a.
RAYMOND, M. Sec 35, 24a.
REED, H.D. Sec 36, 100a.
RICHARDS, F.E. Sec 6, 47+a. Sec 7, 35+a.
RICHARDS, James Sec 7, 137a.
RIEMENSCHNEIDER, Chas. Sec 17, 80a.
RIEMENSCHNEIDER, P.H. Sec 5, 40a. Sec 8,80a.
RIEMENSCHNEIDER, Philip Sec 19, 80a.
RIEMENSCHNEIDER, Philip, Sr. Sec 19,---
RIEMENSCHNEIDER, Wm. Sec 18, 48a. Sec 19,79a.
RIGGS, James Sec 29, 180a.
RIGGS, L. Sec 26, 5a.

RILEY, Mrs. L. Sec 4, 10a.
ROCKWELL, D. Sec 25, 90a. Sec 26, 10a.
ROCKWELL, D.J. Sec 25, 50a.
ROE & O'CONNOR Sec 15, 17a.
ROSS, John Sec 9, 80a.
ROW, John Sec 16, 120a.
ROYCE, Ora Sec 1, 22a.
RUNCIMAN, J.H. Sec 5, 188a. Sec 6, 20a.
RUNCIMAN, John Sec 5 & 6, 174+a.
S., F. Sec 22, 5a.
S., J.D. Sec 2, 8a.
SAVAGE, Edward Sec 3, 85a. Sec 10, 40a.
SAWYER, A.J. & SKINNER, A.B. Sec 1, 112a.
SAWYER, Chas. Sec 2, 60a.
SCHAIBLE, F. Sec 27, 60a.
SCHENK, M. Sec 29, 25a.
SCHENK, Michael Sec 30, 240a. Sec 31, 183+a.
SCHENK, N. Sec 29, 40a.
SCHWEINFURTH, P. Sec 18, 80a.
SIBLEY, A.& J. Sec 1, 50a.
SKINNER, A.B.& SAWYER, A.J. Sec 1, 112a.
SMITH, John Sec 1, 20a.
SMITH, J. G. Sec 1, 10a.
SMITH, Patrick Sec 16, 80a.
SNOW, W.D. Sec 2, 45a. 10a. 10a. Sec 3, 30a.
SNYDER, R.A. Sec 1, 40a.
SNYDER, R.A. Sec 1, 40a.
SPAULDING, D.A. Sec 25, 56a.
SPAULDING, F. Sec 24, 16+a.
SPENCER, A. Sec 20, 75a. Sec 29, 30a. Sec 21, 40a
STAFFAN & AHNEMILLER Sec 12, 15a.
STEHLE, John Sec 13, 49a.
STEHLE, J. Sec 26, 5a. 5a.
SUMNER, Geo. Sec 5, 140a.
SUMNER, J. Sec 2, 15a.
SUMNER, John Sec 3, 70a.
SWEETLAND, F.H. Sec 11, 24a. Sec 14, 140a.
SWEETLAND, O.J. Sec 11, 37a. Sec 14, 180a.

SWEETLAND, O.J. Sec 11, 37a. Sec 14, 180a.

TAYLOR, D.B. Sec 1, 5a.

TAYLOR, James Sec 1, 72a.

TAYLOR, L.S. Sec 31, 40a.

TAYLOR, W.M. Sec 1, 40a.

TAYLOR, W.R. Sec 1, 50a.

TIMMONS, M. Sec 1, 6a.

TYNDALL, Seymour Sec 15, 80a. Sec 16,40a.

UPDIKE, Milo Sec 26, 130a.

WACKENHUT, M. Sec 22, 45a. Sec 23, 99+a.

WALSH, John Sec 4, 92a.

WALTROUS, J.F. Sec 25, 48a.

WARD, Edward Sec 16, 80a.

WASER, G. Sec 32, 120a.

WEBBER, Chris Sec 18, 120a.

WEBER, John Sec 32, 40a. Sec 33, 140a.

WEBER, Joseph Sec 27, 240a.

WEBER, Simon, Jr. Sec 27, 20a. Sec 34, 10a. Sec 35, 100a. 100a.

WEST, A.J. Sec 7, 30a.

WEST, R.J. Sec 21, 15+a. Sec 22, 23a.

WEST, Wilson Sec 22, 145a. Sec 27, 40a.

WHEELER, R. Est. Sec 2, 40a. Sec 9, 20a. Sec 11, 120a.

WILD, Mary Sec 36, 70a.

WILKINSON, R.M. Sec 13,--.

WILKINSON, T. Sec 13, 43a.

WILKINSON, Thos. Sec 12, 48a.

WINES, Chas H. Sec 24, 48a. Sec 26, 5+a.

WOLFF, F.G. Sec 7, 40a.

WOLFF, Fred G. Sec 8, 80a.

WORTLEY, John Sec 27, 80a. Sec 34, 40a.

WYNANS, Mrs. H. Sec 1, 80a. Sec 2, 10a.

YOUNG, Ann M.&Chas. Sec 9, 40a. Sec 10, 80a.

YOUNG, Geo. Sec 10, 80a.

LAKES.

Mill Lake, Sec 4 &5.
Crooked Lake, Sec 5,6 &7.
Cavanaugh Lake, Sec 5 &8.
Doyle Lake, Little Cedar, Cedar Lake Sec 9
Lehman Lake, Mud Lake, Sec 18.
Goose Lake, Sec 31.

Cemeteries: Sec 7, 18, 24

Churches: Secc 4, 18. (see village)

Schools: Sec 3, 17, 22, 26, 30, 34.

Michigan Central R.R. Sec 11, 12, 15, 16, 21, 21, 19, 30.

SYLVAN VILLAGE, Sec 21. Church, Mill, School.

CHELSEA VILLAGE, Sec 12.

ACKERSON, J.W. Main St.

ACKLEY, Mrs. Main St.

AHNEMILLER, Gottlieb. Madison St 13a. (also twp.)

ALBER, D. Main St.

BACON, William. Orchard St

BAESING, Wm. Filmore & North St.

BEASLEY BROS. Main & Buchanan (2)

BEELER, Jno. Main St.

BEGOLE, G.A. Main St.

BEISSEL, John Main St.

BOYD, M. North St. 1a. Park St.

BRITTENBACH, Maggie. Main St. 2+a.

CARPENTER, Chas. Main St.

CASSIDY, Rosa. Orchard St.

CHANDLER, C.E. North & Main St.

CLARK, Mrs. Main St.

CONGDON, A.S. 7a.

CONSIDINE, W.P.

COOK, J.H. Main St.

CRONKITE, A. Grant St.

DEPEW, P.C. 4+a.

EDER, G. Main St.

FENN, C.S. Main St.

FOSTER, Jno. Main St.

FRYE, Henry Main St.

FULLER, D.H. Grant St. 7+a.

GATES, Mrs. R.B. Madison St 15a (also twp.)

GEDDES, John. 29a. (also twp.)

GILBERT, H.V. Summit St.

GIRBACH, Elizabeth C. Grant St. 2a.

GLAZIER, G.P. Monroe St. 6+a. (2)

GROW, G. Main & Lincoln St.

GUERIN W.K. Monroe & Cleveland St. 82+a. (also twp)

HELMRICH, C. Main St.

HELMRICH, Herman. Main St.

HERRINGTON, J-- . Main St.

HOLMES, H.S. Main St.

HOLMES, Thos. Main & Summit St.

HOOKER, F. North St.

IRWIN, G.W. South St.

JORDAN, L. Main St.

KALMBACH, J.G. North St. 2+a.

KANTLEHUER, Fred. Main St.

KEELAN, M. North St. .80a.

KELLY, Thos. 3a.

KEELAN, B. Cleveland St. 3a.

KEELAN, Michael 3a.

KLUMP, G. Main St.

KUMMELL, J. Main St.

LAMBERT, C. Main St.

LEACH, Mrs. North St.

LETTS, C.E. Main St. 52a. (also twp.)

LEWICK, Wm. Polk St.

M.C.R.R. Buchanan St.

McCABE, H. 12a.

McCUNE, T. Main & Orchard St.

McGILL, J.E. Main St.

McKONE, Martin (also twp.)

McNAMARA, Mary. North & Polk St.

McNamara T. North St.

MARONEY, C. North St.

MARTIN, William. Madison St.& R.R. St.

MEYERS, John .80a. North St.

NEGUS, E.L. Hayes & North St. 2+a.

OESTERLE, C. North St.

REMNANT, Wm. Est. Main St.
RICKETTS, J.R. Buchanan St.
RIGGS, L. South & Grant St.
ROYCE, Ora 22a. (also twp.)
SCHUMACHER, A.H. Main St.
SCHUMACHER, J. Park St. Main St.
SCHWIEREATH, R. Monroe St.
SNYDER, R.A. Polk St. 7+a. 40a. (also twp.)
STABLER, J. Est.
STAFFAN & AHNEMILLER Madison St. 15a. (also twp.)
STAFFAN, F.
STAFFAN, J. Park St.
STAFFAN, M. Main St.
STEAGER, A. Main St.
STEINBACH, B. North St. 5a.
STEPHEN, Delia Main St.
SWARTHOUT. Theo. Main St.
TAYLOR, D.B. Polk St 5a. (also twp.)
TAYLOR. J.C. Park St.
TAYLOR. James Polk St.
THATCHER, Mrs. A. Main & Summit St.
THOMAS, David, Est. Main St.
THOMPSON, G. Main St.
TURNBULL & WILKINSON. Park & Main St.
TUTTLE, B.F. Grant St. 2a.
VANGORDON, C. Buchanan St.
VANHUSEN, J. Monroe St. 4a.
VANTYNE, Mary M. Main St.
WACKENHUT. J.O. Main St.
WACKENHUT, Mary Main St.
WEAVER, Simon Main St.
WESTFALL, P. Polk St. 7+a.
WHITAKER, Mrs. Main St.
WILKINSON, A.W. 3+a. 14+a.
WILKINSON, R.M. Main St. (also twp.)
WILKINSON, T. 48a. (also twp.)
WINANS, H. Main & South St.
WYNANS, Mrs. H. 80a (also twp.)

PLATS
Original Town
Elisha Congdon 1st, 2nd, 3rd additions
James M. Congdon 1st, 2nd, 3rd addtions
Abel R. Fenn's Addition
Mary P. Frazier's Addition
Isaac Taylor's Addition

Hotel Main St.
P.O., Bank & Gen Merchandise Main St.

CHURCHES: Main, Middle, Park & Summit St.

TOWN HALL Middle St.

along M.C.R.R.

Bean warehouse, flour mills, freight depot, lumber yard, planing mill, produce warehouse-J.C.CHANDLER & CO.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT # 7, SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

These records are found at Michigan Historical Collections, Bentley Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan

School Census, 1885

BOLINGER- Carrie,9; Jake,7; Katie,5.
BROWN - Thomas, 12
CHASE - Abbie,18; Grace C.,18; Bertha,13; Stevie,11.
DAVIDSON - Ida, 19.
DIXON - Mary,16.
FAULKNER - Jennie,11; Bessie,8.
GOODRICH - Albert, 12; Mary,8.
HINDERER - Fredie,5.
HOBB - Martha, 17.
OESTERLE - Mary, 12; Lizzie, 10; Willie, 9; Peter, 7; Tillie, 6.
RICKETT - Mattie, 8; Carrie, 6.
ROCKWELL - Allen, 14; Jay, 11; Carrie, 9; Millie, 7; Arthur, 5.
STORMS - Frank, 17.
UPDIKE - Kate, 7
VALE - Thomas, 13.
WEBER - Eddie, 13.
WORTLEY - Clifford,5.

Teachers: Irene Everett (Apr)
Royal S. Copeland
Emma Spaulding, 1886

School Census, 1894

BOHNET - Geo,19; Pauline,15; Emma,9; Willie,6.
BRUCKNER - Orrin,6.
DAVIDSON - Ethel,7.
FAULKNER - Bessie, 17; Alfred, 10; Grace,6.
FREEMAN - Chauncey, 14.
GOODRICH - Mary, 16; Carrie, 12.
GUTEKUNST - Katie, 13; Anna, 9; Emilie, 8; Christine, 7.
HARTBECK - Frank, 17.
HINDERER - Geo, 14; Fred, 10; Albert, 9; Manda, 7.
HOUTBEG - Geo, 18.
KOCH - Jacob, 17; Fred, 13; Emma, 11; Louis, 9; Albert, 6.
LAUBENGAYER - Tillie, 19; Arthur, 17; Lizzie,16; Bertha, 14; Lydia, 12; Oscar, 10; Joseph, 9; David, 8; Edwin 6.
MERKEL - Clara, 10; Lena, 7; Arthur, 6.
ROCKWELL - Carrie, 19; Millicent, 17; Arthur,14; David, 9.
WEBER - Myrtie, 11; Herman, 9; Theodore, 7; Estella M, 5.
WELLNOFF - Lydia, 18
WORTLEY - Clifford, 14; Blanche, 7; Ann Lizzie,6.

Daily Register, 1899

No school Sept. or Nov. - Scarlet Fever

BAHNMILLER - Clarence, 7.
BRUCKNER - Oren, 11.
DAVIDSON - Ethel, 11; Roy, 7.
FAULKNER - Grace, 11.
HINDERER - Amanda, 12; Emma, 9; Julius, 6.
KOCH - Agnes, 10; Eddie, 6.
LAUBENGAYER - Oscar, 15; David, 13; Edwin, 11; Hermina, 9; Helen, 8.
LOEW - Bertha, 12; Albert, 10.
MERKEL - Lena, 12; Arthur, 11; Eddie, 8.
SCHILLER - Ida, 10; Edward, 6; Oscar, 5.
STORMS - Gertrude, 6.
WEBER - Estella, 10; Mary, 8; Sylvester, 5.
WEST - Mabel, 7; Alta, 6.
WORTLEY - Blanche, 12; Ann Eliza, 11.

Teachers: 1888 D.J.Lehman (Nov)
1889 Edith Congdon (Apr)
1890 Hattie Spaulding (Sep)
1890 Allen F. Rockwell (Nov)
1891 Genevieve Lownsbury (Mar)
1896 Carrie Rockwell 9 months
1897 Millicent Rockwell
1898 Mary W. Goodrich
1899-1901 Mary Schaible

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THE PIERCE CEMETERY

This is a small private cemetery located on the east side of Old Chelsea-Manchester Road between Old U.S. 12 and New U.S. 12, in Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Mich. The inscriptions were copied by Harold Jones in April, 1958.

Aldrich,	David	Died Feb. 11, 1862 Aged 76 years
	Mercy	Wife of Samuel Aldrich, died April 1, 1939 Aged 81 years
	Huldah	Daughter of S. & M. Aldrich, died Mar. 17, 1843 aged 60 yrs.
Champlin,	Ira	Died Sept. 10, 1855. Aged 20 years
Downer,	Joshua	Died Apr. 9, 1864 Aged 78 years, 5 mo. 23 da.
	Betsy	Wife of Joshua Downer, died Feb. 3, 1872 Aged 87 yrs & 10 mo.
	Lamira P.	Wife of E.P. Downer, died Sept. 14, 1852 Aged 40 years, 5 mos. 15 das.
	Ethelbert	Son of George W. & ----- Randal died Jan. 3, 1857 aged 5 mo.
	Infant	Daughter of George W. & ----- Randal died Nov. 8, 1862 Aged 3 mos.
Mulvany,	Phebe S.	Beloved wife of Peter Mulvany Died Aug. 10, 1878, aged 52 yrs. 9 mos. & 5 ds. A kindly and noble woman/ And a true and loving wife
Pierce,	Hiram	Father 1821-1902
	Catherine	Mother 1828-1905
	John R.	1868-1902
Pierce,	James D.	Son of H.A. & C. Pierce died June 2, 1862
Pierce,	Nathan Father	Died March 29, 1862 Aged 71 yrs. 6 mos and 2 days On! What is human life How like the dial's slowly moving shade Day after day slides from us unperceived Too subtle in the movement to be seen Yet soon the hour is up and all is gone
	Amy Aldrich Mother	His wife, died Feb. 28, 1861 Aged 73 yrs, 8 mos, 19 das. The heart's not in the grave confined Death can not claim the immortal mind Let earth close o'er its sacred trust (?) But goodness dies not in the dust.

Engraved on the Monument: Their children were:
Mowrey A; Emily: Hiram: Adeline: Phebe S.: Russell and Amy A.

	Lilly I	1858-1867
Pierce,	Emily	1819-1909

Ed. note:
The Elizabeth James book, Cemetery Inscriptions in Washtenaw County, Michigan, Published 1968, contains additional information on some of these names.

Pierce,	Nathan -	In War of 1812
Randal,	Ethelbert, Infant	son of George W. and Eliza. An infant d. 1854 daughter d. 11-8-1852
Downer,	Betsy	Wife of Joshua was dau. of Elisha Averill a Vermont soldier in Rev. War. Joshua was a soldier in War of 1812

Three unmarked graves presumably graves of Joshua's parents - Stephen and Jane Spink Downer. Stephen Downer was a Rev. Soldier.

STATE OF MICHIGAN 1845 CENSUS FOR SYLVAN TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY

Copied by H. A. Jones

The original state census of 1845 for Washtenaw County is held in the MHC, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. This census names only males over twenty-one years of age.

A. AFTON,Caspar; ALDRICH, David; ANDREWS, Levi B.

B. BACKUS, Azel; BALDWIN, John, John A.; BARBER, William; BARKER, John, William, William, Jr.; BATTALL, Fred; BECKER, Nathan; BECKWITH, Cyrus; BEERS, Daniel; BEGOLE, William, BERKS, Mahlon, BISBEE, Amos; BOTSFORD, Aaron; BOWLES, Frederick; BOYNTON, Joel; BROWN, Elijah, James, William; BUCK, Solomon, Wendell; BURCHARD, Dixon, J. S., James ,m; BUSH, Abrams.

C. CAMPBELL, Daniel; CARROLL, James; CASSADY, Con; CAVENS (CAVENDER?), James; CHASE, Stephen; CLANCEY, John; COLE, Alexander; COLLINS, Isaac; COLVIN, Oscar; COMER, Simeon; CONATY, Richard; CONGDON, Daniel, Elisha, James; CONKLIN, Edmund F.; CONLIN, John, Michael, Patrick; CRANSON, S. T.; CUMMINGS, John M.

D. DAVIDSON, Hugh, Milton A.; DAVIS, Thomas G., Warren, William A.; DEAN, Allen, Jonathan, Silas; DEBOIS, Conrad M.; DENMAN, Isaac; DEPEW, Henry, John; DOYLE, John C.; DURAND, Aaron, David.

E. ESPY, H.M.: EVANS, John; EVERTS, J.

F. FENN, Daniel, Orlow, Tully; FLETCHER, Peter; FRISBEE, Elihu, Joseph; FURGISON, Walace.

G. GAGE, Anthony, Benj. R., Horace, Reuben; GLOVER, Charles, Lorin, William (2); GODFREY, Thomas H.; GRIFFIN, Dennis; GUTHRIE, John.

H. HALL, Jesse, Levi, Nathan; HANCOCK, William; HARPER, Alonzo; HATCH, Jared; HATT, James; HAVENS, Austin M., William; HICKOX, Calvin; HIGH, Charles, Nathan, Orson; HINES, Tomson, Valentine; HOLT, Lemuel; HOWARD, William.

I. IRWIN, Valentine.

J. JONES, Richard; JUDD, Henry C.; JUDSON, William.

K. KELLOGG, Nathaniel; KELLY, James; KEYSER, Christopher, Urban; KILLAM, Lewis; KING, Benj., Charles, John, Leonard, Thomas; KNIGHT, Stewart.

L. LARGE, Daniel B., George W.; LAWRENCE, Truman; LEE, Samuel; LOOMIS, Silas.

M. McARTHUR, Patrick; McCABE, Thomas; McLAUGHLIN, John; McNELLY, James, Hugh; McTAGUS, Patrick; MEDLEY, Henry H.; METCALF, James, Moses; MINNIS, Robert; MOORE, Thomas; MUNRO, Johnson, Samuel R.

N. NASS (NAFF?), Peter; NEW, Thomas; NEWMAN, Thomas; NEWTON, Noah.

P. PAINE, Francis H.; PARKER, Austin; PARKS, Daniel, Horatio, John A.; PERRY, Hiram; PHELPS, Noah; PIERCE, Hiram, Mowry; POOR, Samuel; POWELL, Lewis; PRINDLE, Elias; PRUDDEN, Nehemiah.

Q. QUACKENBUSH, Orasmus.

R. RANEY, J.; REYNOLDS, Benj. M., Ferris, Michael, William; RIGGS, Peter, William W.; ROBINSON, Adam, W.; ROICE, Thomas T.; ROSS, John; RUNCIMAN, James.

S. SAVAGE, George, James; SEELY, James; SHAVER, Harry, Jacob; SIMONS, Cyrenus, M.; SHUNK, Jacob; SMEAD, David W.; SMITH, Horace A., Jesse, Socrates, William; SNOW, Isaac, James, John, Joseph; SPENCER, Carlos, Eldad; STEPHENSON, John, Ransford; STEVENSON, William; STOW, Samuel, William; SUMNER, John.

T. THOMAS, David; TINDAL, Seymour; TRACY, John; TRYON, William; TWITCHELL, Jonas, Samuel.

W. WAY, Francis, Willard F.; WAIT, Ezra R.; WARNER, Jared, Willis; WELCH, Edmund, Morris; WEST, Francis R.; WHEELER, John; WINANS, John C.; WINES, Charles, Mahlon, William; WOODIN, Ira B; WRIGHT, David; WRISLEY, Robert A.; YOUNG, Charles, John.

	Under 10	10-21	21-45	45-72	72+	Tot
Males	144	96	158	55	3	456
Females	139	99	125	40	6	409

White persons insane	1
Total number of inhabitants	865
Number of white males over 21	216

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SOME NAMES FROM 1844 POLL LIST, SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

The following names from the November, 1844 Poll List of Sylvan Township do not appear on the 1845 census for Sylvan Township.

BACKUS, Israel
BALDWIN, Samuel
BALDWIN, Truman
BARTHOLOMEW, Cyrenus
BUGBEE, Eli
BUGBEE, George W.
BUGBEE, John C.
BURCHARD, Manly
BURCHARD, Seabenn

CAMPBELL, John
CAVENDER, James
CHRISLER, Christopher
CLARK, William H.
CONLIN, Phillip
CRAVALL, M. A.

DARLING, Charles
DAVIDSON, George F.
DAVIDSON, John
DAVIDSON, M. S.
DAVIS, Levi
DENMAN, William

FENN, H. P.
FERGUSON, Robert

GLOVER, John
GOULD, William A.

HALL, Chauncy
HATT, James, Jn.
HAVENS, S.
HAVENS, Harry C.

McCARTY, Patrick
(see McARTHUR, 1845 CENSUS)
McNELLY, Jonas
MAPES, Seth

OVEROCKER, Simeon

PERRY, Ambrose
PIERCE, Moses
REYNOLDS, Michael (2)
RIGGS, Joseph P.

SPAULDING, Alonzo
STEPHENSON, John R.

TWITCHELL, R.W.
WHEELER, J. B.
WICKS, John P.
WINTERS, John J.

THE ROHRABACHER FAMILY

By Mrs. Albert Rohrabacher

The first ancestor of the Rohrabachers who came to Salem, Michigan was Johannes Rohrbach who came from the Palatinate of Germany to New York state in 1710. His son was Jury Rohrbach and his grandson was Christian Roraback. Christian worked at the Townsend forge in Orange County and helped make the iron chain which was stretched across the Hudson River during the Revolutionary War. Among his fourteen children was Conrad Rorabeck born 1763. He worked at Union Forge at Ancram, Dutchess County, New York. Of his three sons, the oldest, Christian, moved to Connecticut. The other two, John C. and Frederick came to Michigan.

Frederick Rohrabacher, born 1799, married Rachel Fretts in 1827 and settled first at Virgil, Cortland County, New York and then in 1841 came to South Lyon, Michigan. In 1860 he moved to Byron, Shiawassee County, Michigan. Of his ten children only the oldest, John Levi Rohrabacher (married Sarah Finkle) remained in South Lyon. Frederick died 1869 and is buried in the Walker cemetery next to Salem, Michigan. Rachel died 1876 in South Lyon and is buried in Howell.

His older brother, John Conrad Rorabacher, born 1792, married Sarah Coon in 1815 and about 1825 he moved to Yates County, New York. In 1834 they settled in Salem, Washtenaw County, Michigan. He died 1859 and she died 1870; both are buried in the Free-Will Baptist cemetery on 8-Mile Road, Green Oak Township, Livingston County, Michigan. Of their ten children, most remained around Salem and Washtenaw County.

The oldest child, Adam Rorabacher born 1816 at Ancram, Dutchess County, New York married in 1836 in Salem to Nancy Ann Smith, daughter of William S. and Permelia Smith of Scio Township. He became a pioneer of Howell, Michigan. Of their three daughters: Sarah born 1839 married Horace Whaley; Jane born 1842 married in 1860 in Salem to her father's cousin, Peter A. Rohrabacher, the son of Frederick; Gabriella born 1846 married Nelson Sutherland and lived in Pittsfield Township. Adam married (2) Martha M. Walter in Washtenaw and had two children; married (3) Mrs. Eliza (Abel) Bennett. Adam died 1843 and is buried in Pinckney cemetery with his second and third wife. His first wife who died 1849 is buried in Howell.

Lucinda Rorabacher was born 1817 died 1905.

Betsey Rorabacher born 1820 died 1902 married Mr. Preston and lived in Hillsdale County, Michigan.

John Rorabacher born 1822 married (1) Emily J. Hollister (2) Mary Frances Burdick. He died 1879 and is buried with both wives in Free-Will Baptist cemetery. He lived in Green Oak Township; had nine children. Of these only son Arthur Lee Rorabacher married (1) Rose (2) Josephine and Walter Burdick Rorabacher remained in Washtenaw and they and their families are buried in the Worden cemetery, Salem Township.

Sarah or Sally Rorabacher born 1825 died 1916 at Saline. She married 1843 at Salem Levi C. Drake. She adopted her niece, Gabriella, the daughter of Adam Rorabacher.

Henry Milton Rorabacher born 1827 died 1902 married 1849 to Amanda B. Bennett. He farmed in Salem until 1852 when he moved to Brighton, Michigan. Of his ten children; son George married Martha Renwick and his descendants live around Plymouth, Michigan; son Charles H. married (1) May Sweet (2) Isabel (3) Mable - published

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Mrs. Albert Rohrabacher 201 Byron Road, Howell, Michigan 48843

a newspaper in S. Lyon; son Delor married Lillian Burt and lived around Whitmore Lake with sons Clare and Albert.

Martin Rorabacher born 1829 died 1910 married 1853 Cordelia McCormick, both buried S. Lyon. Of his five children only son Cyrus lived in Salem, then had a farm at S. Lyon. He married Ella Herrick. Some of Martin's descendants live in Plymouth.

Polly Jane Rorabacher born 1832 died 1902 at Salem. She married 1855 to George Weymouth McCormick (called Way); descendants in Mason, Michigan.

Dr. Miles Rorabacher born 1836, first child born in Michigan died 1901 in Battle Creek. He married 1860 Julia A. Murray. He grew up in Salem Township, graduated from the Medical Department at the University of Michigan. In 1883 he moved to Battle Creek, Michigan where he founded the first sanatorium there.

Mary Rorabacher born 1843 died 1888.

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GILLET CEMETERY

The main body of these tombstone inscriptions is printed in Family History Capers in the following issues: Volume III, Number 3 (January, 1980), Volume III, Number 4 (April, 1980), and Volume IV, Numbers 1 & 2 (January, 1981). The following names were inadvertently omitted and should be inserted following page 12 of Volume III, Number 3.

This completes the printing of this cemetery.

Gillet Cemetery, township owned, is in Section 33 of Sharon Township, Washtenaw County.

PLOT	NAME	
17	McLAIN	Edith Sparklin McLain 1903-1964
48	McMAHON	Charles A. Infant son of J. & T. McMahon d. 1847
		John McMahon In memory of d Dec 23, 1838
		In the 61st yr. of his age
35	MILLER	Amanda Wife of John A. Miller d Mar 16, 1883
		Aged 40 y 1 mos 11 ds.
		Our Pet John R. Son of J.A. & A. Miller d Aug 20, 1882
		Aged 1 y 25 ds.
33	MILLS	Columbus Son of Daniel A. & Phebe Mills
		Died June 29, 1844 Aged 4 ms.
		Daniel A. Died Aug 21, 1850 Aged 44 yrs
		Lucy Ann Daughter of Daniel A. & Phebe Mills
		d May 5, 1853 Aged 17 yrs & 2 mos
		Phebe... (stone broken)
		Samuel E. Son of Daniel A. & Phebe Mills
		d July 5, 1842 Aged 7 mos
		Sylvenus B. Son of Daniel A. & Phebe Mills
		d Oct 1, 1837 Aged 2 yrs
		Volney A. Son of Daniel A. & Phebe Mills
		Died June 29, 1844 Aged 4 ms.
78	MORE	James Son of Joseph & Catherine More
		Died Aug 2, 1842 Aged 6 years 3 mos & 22 ds.
11	MORSE	(Joshua L. Died Nov 2, 1844 Aged 9 mo & 5 ds.
		(Harriet E. Died Feb 26, 1846 Aged 5 ...
		Children of Benjamin & Lois Morse

AN INTRODUCTION TO SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

By Kathleen Chapman and M. L. Sias

Close your eyes and imagine an area completely covered by a forest with gently rolling hills, streams, lakes and ravines; such is the terrain of Town 2 South Range 3 East, County of Washtenaw. Its pioneers were so impressed by this special beauty it was named Sylvan when it was set off from Dexter Township in April 1834.

Cyrus Beckwith was the first patentee of federal land in Town 2 South Range 3 East. His patent was issued 24 June 1830 for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14 crossed by the new New Territorial Road. Beckwith in October moved from Ann Arbor with his family and hired hand, William Begole. This was within a year and after a half dozen or so families had gone further west to establish Jacksonburgh and five years after the Sam Clements settled in Town 2 South Range 4 East, Lima. Within a couple of years many other pioneer families settled in Sylvan.

The southeastern portion of Sylvan was"colonized" by emigrants from Orwell, Shoreham, and Whiting, Addison County, Vermont. The Sylvan neighborhood of the Cummings, Davis, Fenn, Lawrence, Rockwell, Spaulding, Warner, and Wines families was known as the Vermont Settlement. They began buying land in Sylvan in 1832. Several families from the vicinity of Ticonderoga, New York, right across the state line from Addison County, were also early pioneers in western Washtenaw.

Because the New Territorial Road, which opened in January 1830, was a much used route, businesses soon opened along its length. In Sylvan these were concentrated principally at Pierceville and at Sylvan Center. A plat for the latter was registered in 1836 by William S. Maynard and wife, Julia, probably the Ann Arbor entrepreneur or a relative. The Center's post office operated from 1834 to 1892 and 1893 to 1902. That area now is served by Chelsea. Elsewhere in the more northwest of the town some have Grass Lake, Jackson County addresses. The Center, in Section 21, had a mill, a brick church, other businesses, also a cemetery. Today it is a quiet, seemingly rather remotely located hamlet, but actually just minutes from I 94.

Although the location of Pierceville originally must have seemed ideal, its potential was never realized. Pierceville was at the junction of the New Territorial and another new road opened in 1831-32 to what became Manchester. A Pierceville post office ran from 2 May 1835 until 8 January 1841. After the Central Railroad began serving the town, probably late in 1841, the train stopped at what became known as Davidson's Station. Several Pierceville businesses then relocated at Davidson's and other businesses began moving into what in time became the Congdon brothers' new village of Chelsea. What was Pierceville rather quickly disappeared. Visual reminders of the Nathan Pierce family for whom Pierceville was named are their Pierce Burying Ground along Old Manchester Road and the former Pierce's tavern, on the old Pierce farmstead on the east half of Section 13, just east of M 52 on Old U. S. 12, formerly New Territorial.

Nathan Pierce was born 1790 in Cheshire, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. His family immigrated about 1795 to Manchester, Ontario County, New York. In 1832 Nathan, brother of Darius, Lima pioneer, immigrated to Sylvan. Pierceville's physician, Dr. James Stewart, was born in Williamston, Berkshire County, Massachusetts and bought at Pierceville in 1836. This doctor was also from Manchester, New York.

The family of Israel Bailey, Pierceville blacksmith, had lived at Canaan, New Hampshire on the Canadian border. Israel was the only one in his family who came to southeastern Michigan, traveling from Rushville, Yates County, New York. Both Dr. Stewart and Bailey were ancestors of Mrs. Casey (Myra) Jones of Ann Arbor.

Although we today have attempted to identify the exact location of Davidson's Station, more research is needed. There were no land records for Hugh Davidson, for whom it was named. Hugh was on the 1845 census. Possibly Hugh was William H. Davidson.[1] The Davidson stop was west of the Methodist Home, probably along what today is Cavanaugh Lake Road. Davidson's was also called Gunntown after "a man named Gunn who lived nearby." No other mention of Gunn has been found. There was no post office. It was not until 1848 that a station was actually built only to be burned that same year by incendiaries. Because it was by then more convenient locally to have a train stop at what was to become Chelsea, the station was moved to the east near what was called Kedron. In 1850 James and Elisha Congdon from Connecticut, who had been in Sylvan since 1832, platted their new town of Chelsea in the east half of Section 12 near the Sylvan-Lima town line.

The Kedron post office operated from 4 January 1849 until 19 July 1850 with Elisha Congdon as postmaster. The name of the post office was then changed to Chelsea and Congdon continued as postmaster. Kedron was located near the tracks on the northeast of what became Chelsea; name Kedron for a town in York State, Chelsea for Chelsea Landing in Connecticut.

Even though Chelsea did not have a good source of water power, the only stream being Letts Creek, in the past and today it has had relatively high commercial and industrial activity. Major industries have included Glazier Stove Works; briefly a Chelsea car; Federal Screw; Central Fibre; Hoover Steel Ball; Portland Cement; Rockwell Standard; Chelsea Products, now of Dana Corporation; Chelsea Milling, maker of Jiffy Mix products; Book Crafter, Inc.; Chelsea Standard, weekly paper; and others.

Chelsea has had good schools. The 1982 fall enrollment figure was 2268. Since consolidation of the rural schools in the 1950s, school bus routes travel far into outlying areas. There is a modern, relatively new health clinic and hospital, much appreciated locally, much, much more convenient than Ann Arbor or Jackson. Some Chelsea physicians have affiliated with Jackson hospitals, so not only have some Sylvan folks traditionally traveled to Jackson for all sorts of city oriented activities, they maybe were also born, married, or died across the county line.

In 1905 the Methodist Home opened on the west edge of the village. It has admitted people from near by and elsewhere. In 1983 the home's capacity is 260, with a total of approximately 300 residents, including those in independent living apartments.

The Chelsea Standard 12 April 1983 schedule of religious activities had information from thirty-four different groups; sixteen meet in Chelsea or Sylvan Township. Several have existed for over a century. Most of these have prepared histories.

Although Sylvan Township at the turn of this century was mainly an agricultural township, it has slowly given way to progress in other directions and is in 1983 much more diversified. The 1980 census recorded 3816 inhabitants in Chelsea village and 2128 in Sylvan Township. There are maybe a half dozen full time farmers on commercial farms. In 1950 the Chrysler Proving Grounds started construction south of where I 94 opened in 1960. Chrysler bought up all of Section 27 and 34 Sylvan, most of Sections 22, 23, 26, and 35, and portions of 21 and 28. Some buildings were moved. All existing farmsteads were razed with most residents relocating nearby. Twenty-nine former residents were guests at the 25th anniversary party held by Chrysler in 1979. The Proving Grounds employs about 588 persons. The Roman Catholic St. Louis Home for Boys is on the old

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[1] On 14 September 1833 the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 14 was purchased by William J. Davison.

Joe Peet Riggs' farm in Section 29 and the Spaulding Home for Children, an adoption agency, principal use offices, is on the Warren Spaulding farmstead on Waltrous Road in Section 19.

There were other major land use changes. In the 1930s the state began buying up farm land which became a part of the beautiful Waterloo Recreation Area taking much of Sections 4, 5, 6,7, and 9. This has slowly reverted to a more natural state. Again long established families moved. In the northwest corner near Cavanaugh, Crooked and Lehman Lakes the land was cut into small parcels for summer home sites; many of these are in 1983 year around residences. Cavanaugh Lake was once an extremely popular summer fun spot.

Although there has been ample reason for immigration into and emigration from Sylvan, descendants of several of the earliest pioneers are still to be found in the town, including the Dorr and Edson (father and son) Whitaker families. The Whitaker Centennial Farm is located in Section 20 along Old U. S. 12 in Sylvan on land taken up by their relatives who were early Sylvan settlers. Calvin Hickox bought in Section 21 in 1831 and Edmund E. Conklin purchased in Section 20 in 1835.

With energetic young people at the helm of the governing body of Sylvan there will be much progress in the future. If the pioneers could see the changes made by their descendants, they would be proud of their accomplishments and Sylvan Township and Chelsea now.

Residents of Sylvan and Chelsea will be celebrating the sesquicentennial year in 1984. Preparations are already underway.

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THE VERMONT CEMETERY, SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

The Vermont Cemetery was established on land donated in 1835 by Aaron Lawrence in Section 24. The occasion was the death of Mrs. Jesse C. Smith (Mary Brown) on 24 June 1835. In 1925 a bronze tablet was placed on a stone marker and dedicated "In the memory of the Pioneers of this region who came here from Vermont in 1832..." The cemetery, now two acres, is the oldest in the township and the resting place of nearly all of the pioneers of Sylvan and their descendants.

On 11 June 1932, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the "Vermont Settlement" an appropriate program was carried out and a tree planted. Those in attendance on this date:

Mr. & Mrs. John Everett, Kalamazoo
Mrs. Lloyd Cady, Jackson
Mrs. Clyde Cady, Jackson
Mr. Lawrence Wines, Detroit
Mrs. Louise Wines, Detroit
Miss Lizzie Hibbard, Lansing
All of Chelsea-
Mr. & Mrs. J. N. Dancer
Mr. & Mrs. George Chapman
Miss E. DePew
Miss Jessie Everett
Miss Mantie Spaulding
Mr. Edward Spaulding
Mr. Warren Spaulding
Mrs. Otto Hinderer
Mrs. Fred Lehman
Earl & Margret Lehman
Mrs. Harry Prudden
Mrs. Frank Whitmer
Rolland Spaulding
Mr. & Mrs. James Killam
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Sawyer
Mrs. Fred Gentner
Mrs. Del Wurster
Miss Nina Powell
Mrs. William Davidson
Mr. & Mrs. John Cummings
Mrs. Frank Cooper
Mrs. George Wiseman
Miss Nina Bell Wurster
Mrs. Ella Beutler
Mrs. Mary Lowry
Mrs. Leon Chapman
Miss Donna Lee Chapman

- from the minutes of the Vermont Cem Assn.

THE MARONEY FAMILY

By Paul Maroney

My first interest in my family roots started in March, 1925. I had heard many stories concerning the family but nothing that could be quoted as a fact. Truly, to some degree that holds true today.

For the most part I am not too interested in a story concerning the family unless I have some document or fact to bear as a witness of my findings. That being the case, I shall endeavor to supply a few facts about my ancestors.

From death records I am reasonably certain that my Great Grandfather was Edward Maroney and his wife was Catherine McMullen. They were from County Cork, Ireland. In southern Ireland the family is known as MORONEY while in northern Ireland the name is spelled MARONEY. To find that we are Maroney rather than Moroney is still a puzzle.

Edward and Catherine sailed from the port of Cork, bound for America late in the month of December in the year 1831. They had a large family. I have never been able to positively account for the exact number. I do know that when leaving Ireland there was one boy, John, and the girls were Margaret, Bridget, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Ellen. My Grandfather, Daniel W.Maroney, always claimed that he was born on ship on the ocean, the date of his birth being 25 May 1831.Bridget, the oldest, married Richard Barry on 12 May 1834 in Washtenaw County, Territory of Michigan. The record of their children includes Daniel Barry who served as County Drain Commissioner for a number of years.

Margaret Maroney, born in 1813, died 12 October 1892 and is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Chelsea. Here I might add that Margaret, better known as Maggie, is reported to have had six husbands. I shall not go into detail here but will be glad to pass on all of my findings regarding her to anyone that might be interested. Apparently she was quite an Irish character. Margaret's next to last husband, Richard Wall, is buried in the Mount Calvary Cemetery, Lyndon Township. A head stone marks his grave which states it was erected by M. Keelan. (Michael Keelan was Margaret's last husband.) The inscription at the bottom reads, "Remember friends as you pass by, As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, soon you will be, Prepare for death and follow me."

As for Catherine Maroney, I know very little except that she married Andrew Greening and to that marriage one child , a son, was born. John Greening, born 1851, died in Detroit, 2 March 1926. John was a veteran of the Civil War and is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Chelsea.

As for Ellen Maroney, I have no data other than she married Jabez Loakes. He built and they lived in a log cabin in Lodi Township until they removed to Lansing to reside with a son.

Elizabeth Maroney, better known to the family as "Aunt Betsey" and her husband lived on what was known as Old U. S. 12, about a mile and a half west of Chelsea. There in their day they operated a stage coach stop, and provided food, beverages and lodging for stage riders. "Aunt Betsey" was born in the year 1822 and died in 1881. She was the mother of Timothy, Mary, and Margarette. The husband of "Aunt Betsey" was named Cullinane.

John Maroney is another member of the family that I do not have much knowledge about. He was married to Mary Tiplady and resided on North Broadway, Ann Arbor. One son, John, served in the Civil War, Co. D., 20th Michigan Infantry.

Mr. Paul Maroney 227 E. Middle Street Chelsea, Michigan 48118

Daniel Maroney, my Grandfather, as stated was born 25 May 1831. There are a great number of things concerning his life that might be told. From the time that I, a Grandson, was a young boy I was told that upon their arrival in America, Grandfather's parents by some method travelled to the Welland Canal, from there, by unknown means, came west on Lake Erie landing near Monroe, Michigan. From that point they constructed a raft and poled their way up the Raisin River to what is now known as Sharon Hollow. From then on the story goes that the father and mother shortly contracted some ailment and both died, leaving the children parentless. The younger children that were unable to care for themselves were raised by Catholic families, except for the baby of the family, Daniel, who was eventually taken in and raised by a Protestant family.

Grandfather was a carpenter by trade and when as a young man of about 20 he bought a lot in the Village of Chelsea, now 313 Railroad Street, he built a house which now stands very much like its original form. He helped fall the trees and had them cut into rough lumber at a nearby saw mill. When it came to finishing material, I have been told that he hired a wagon and team and drove to Grand Rapids for that part of the construction of the home. Daniel W. Maroney, age 26, and Cordelia Emerick, age 23, both residents of Lima Township, were married in Dexter on 6 February 1857.

The facts and story continue- the first real meal in that dwelling in Chelsea was Thanksgiving dinner, 1857. My father, Clarence W. Maroney was born 5 June 1859. He married Carrie Vogel on 9 December, 1890. They were the parents of Elsa, born 17 December 1892 and myself, born 28 September 1894. Father died 18 August 1936; Mother died in 1941.

Other children born to Daniel and Cordelia Maroney were Ella May, born and died 1863; James Adelbert Maroney, 9 October 1861-22 July 1938; Lizzie C. Maroney, 14 October 1865-1951; Nellie C. Maroney, 12 July 1868-26 March 1948. All of the family are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea.

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SOME SOURCES FOR SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

Six cemeteries in the township: Loveland, Hatt or Glover; Maple Grove or Sylvan Center; Mt. Calvary or St. Mary's; Pierce; Salem Grove (German Methodist) Church; Vermont. Harold A. Jones' readings ca 1958 are found at GSWC, BHC, McKune Memorial Library and also on LDS film. Older readings by DAR at GSWC, BHC, McKune, State Library and also on LDS film.

Lima Township cemeteries: Oak Grove, Chelsea, MI, reading by H.A.Jones as above.
Mt. Olivet, Chelsea, MI, reading by H.A.Jones as above .

PUBLIC RECORDS

Sylvan Township Clerk, Mary Harris 112 W. Middle St., Chelsea, MI, 48118
Assess Rolls 1874-1979; Voter Reg., 1903-1938; Gen'l Rec Bks., 1892-1980; Treasurer Acc't Bks., 1897-1902. Births 1906-1929, Deaths 1897-1930.

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Michigan Historical Collections, Bentley Library, Ann Arbor. Poll Lists 1837,1844; School District # 7 records; Wash. Intermediate School District, School Histories by school children, 1941.

OTHER SOURCES

McKune Memorial Library, Chelsea, MI. Extensive obituary card file by H.A.Jones; newspapers on microfilm, 1881-. GAR records Post # 41. R.P.Carpenter; Chelsea 125th anniversary booklet; pamphlet material including family histories.

Chelsea Historical Society, President Benj. Bower, 528 Chandler Chelsea, MI 48118

DIRECTORY OF ALUMNI, CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL

This small directory compiled in 1924 lists graduates of the Chelsea High School from the first graduated class in 1875 to the class of 1924. It was prepared by Florence Martin Rogers, '99, Chairman, Warren Coe, '13, President, Winifred Bacon Palmer, '09 and Beryl McNamara, '07, Committee. The names listed through 1900 are printed here. The yearbooks of Chelsea High School in 1932 and 1934 also list the alumni through those years. These books may be found at the McKune Memorial Library, Chelsea, MI.

1875. Aaron B. AVERY, dec'd.; Moses N. AVERY, Banker, Los Angeles, CA.; Mary L. BROWN, dec'd.; Lillian DRAKE, Mrs. Aaron B. Avery; James S. GORMAN, dec'd; Anna WARNER, dec'd., Mrs. Sleater.

1879. Emma S. CONGDON, dec'd.; Dora H. HARRINGTON, dec'd.; Jennie HOAG, dec'd.; Anna S. ROWLEY, Mrs. Wm. Sheldon, Palo Alto, CA.; Dora S. SARGENT, Mrs. Geo. Be GOLE; Lili M. WINANS, Mrs. Wm. Campbell, Chelsea, MI.

1882. Helen EVERETT, Mrs. G.H.Gay, Alexandria, VA, R.F.D.; Edward HOAG, Merchant, Ann Arbor, MI., 411 E. Washington St.

1883. Margaret B. GATES, Mrs. Edward Vogel, Chelsea, MI.; Lyra M. HATCH, Mrs. B. REILLEY, Oil City, PA.; Lorenzo K. TAYLOR, 659 Forest Ave. W., Detroit, MI.; A.W.WILKINSON, Lawyer, Chelsea, MI.

1884. Clara M. BURKHART, Mrs. Hawley, 3142 Scottwood Ave., Toledo, OH.; Sarah C . FOSTER, Mrs. Chas. Hoover, Rosebush, MI., R.F.D. Kate HARTIGAN, dec'd.

1885. Florence BACHMAN, Mrs. Howlett, Teacher, Chelsea, MI.; Ella BARBER, Bookkeeper, Chelsea, MI.; Edith L. Congdon, Stenographer, 604 Summerset St., Ottawa, CAN.

1886. Agnes McKUNE, dec'd.; Raymond Wright, M.D., Flushing, MI.

1887. Dottie TAYLOR, dec'd.

1888. Belle A. CHANDLER, Mrs. F. Storms, Chelsea, MI., dec'd.; Kittie CROWELL, Mrs. D.H.Wurster, Chelsea, MI.; Fred J. MORTON, 955 Blvd. E., Weehawken, NY.; Harry MORTON, same address; Adah J. PRUDDEN, Puallop, WA.

1889. William HOPPE, Bacteriologist, 1326 12th Ave.S., Seattle, WA.

1890. Henry HERZER, Dentist, Albion, MI.; Dorsey HOPPE, 1803 Lowman Bldg., Seattle, WA.; Cora IRWIN, Mrs. V.G.Stover, Chicago, IL.

1891. Ransom S. ARMSTRONG, Merchant, Chelsea, MI.; Herbert A. DANCER, Lawyer, Duluth, MN.; May JUDSON, Mrs. John Schlee, 1319 Wells St., Ann Arbor, MI; Mary MILLER, Bookkeeper, 231 John R St., Detroit, MI.; Amelia NEUBERGER, Monroe Convent; Walter WOODS, 2215 Pershing Square Bldg., New York City.

1892. Florence COLE, Mrs. B.B.Turnbull, Chelsea,MI.; Nathaniel LAIRD, Farmer, Chelsea, MI; Otto K. STEINBACH, Musician, Liberty St., Flint, MI; Inez Stocking, dec'd.

1893. Anna BEISSEL, Mrs. Wm. Doll, 411 N. State St., Ann Arbor, MI.; Matie Conaty, dec'd.' Nora MILLER, Mrs. John Liebeck, Chelsea, MI.; Ella MORTON, Mrs. Dr. Thomson, 59 Forest Ave., Torrington, CT.; Julius SCHMIDT, Chelsea, MI. , R.F.D.; Katie M. STAFFAN, Mrs. Ed McKune, Chelsea, MI.; Luella C. TOWNSEND, Mrs. Frank Mellencamp, 717 Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, WI.

1894. Minnie ALLYN, Teacher, Wisconsin Ave., Gladstone, MI.; James F. HATHAWAY, Rural Mail Carrier, Williamston, MI.; LeRoy C. HILL, U.S.Forestry Service, Ferry Bldg., San Francisco, CA.; Reno HOPPE, Engineer, 447 N. San Joaquin

St., Stockton, CA.; Nellie LOWRY, Secretary, Court House, Ann Arbor, MI.; Max MOON, 1003 Sierra St., Berkley, CA.; Henry STIMSON, Grand Rapids Show Case Co., Madison St., Grand Rapids, MI.; Cora TAYLOR, Mrs. James Way, 105 Mason St., Jackson, MI.

1895. L. Annie BACON, Mrs. Samuel Schultz, Coldwater, MI.; N.H.BOWEN, Editor, 9066 North Martindale Ave., Detroit, MI.; Edith FOSTER, Mrs. Fred Stevens, East Grand Forks, ND.; Mabel FLETCHER, Mrs. Ralph Pierce, Williamston, MI.; Andros GULDE, Physician, Chelsea, MI.; Mary GOODRICH, Mrs. Henry Musbach, Chelsea, MI.; Fannie HOOVER, Mrs. Henry W. Hall, 5977 Fifteenth St., Detroit; Nerissa HOPPE, Mrs. E.W. Jackson, 3514 22nd Ave., Spokane, WA.; Dr. G.A.HOWLETT, Dentist, Ann Arbor; Ida KEUSCH, TEACHER, Chelsea, MI.; Flora M. KEMPF, Mrs. C.L. Adams, Milan, MI.; Leora LAIRD, Mrs. Franklin Stiles, Middletown, OH.; Rev. Faye A. MOON, Chaplain, U.S.Army, Phillipine Islands; Hattie SPAULDING, Mrs. Ellsworth Fletcher, Mason, MI.; Bertha SPAULDING, Teacher, 456 Wealthy St., Grand Rapids, MI.; Frank C. TAYLOR, Real Estate, Lansing, MI.; Oren A. THACHER, Farmer, Brooklyn, MI., R.F.D.; Lewis C. ZINCKE, Dentist, 15405 St. Claire St., Cleveland, OH.

1896. Nellie BACON, dec'd.; Chas CARNER, dec'd.; Nellie CONGDON, Teacher, Hillsdale, MI., High School; Agnes CUNNINGHAM, 2701 Congress St., Chicago, IL.; Grace GATES; Dorritt HOPPE, Mrs. John Haurer, Woodland, MI.; Lucy LEACH, Mrs. L. L. Moore, 521 W.D.St., Ontario, CA.; Estella MILLER, Mrs. F. M. Taylor, 318 Center St., Albion, MI.; Adah SCHENK, Mrs. H. D. Litteral, Chelsea, MI.; Sarah SPEER, dec'd.' A. L. STEGER, Dentist, Chelsea; Charlotte STEINBACH, Training School, Grand Junction, CO.; Eva TAYLOR, Mrs. Eva Gildersleeve, 917 Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI. c/o D. B. Taylor; George TAYLOR, 1881 Linsdale Ave., Detroit; Lettie WACKENHUT, Mrs. Adolph Eisen, 839 Lawrence Ave., Detroit; Dr. Eric ZINCKE, Bucyrus, OH.

1897. Marie BACON, Mrs. Henry Schneider, 1048 Prairie Ave., Beloit, Wi.; Beatrice BACON, Mrs. Guy Thompson, 81 Main St. Lapeer, MI.; Elvira CLARK, Mrs. Elvira Clark Visel, Chelsea, MI.; Lillian GERARD, Mrs. Dorsey Hoppe, 1803 Lowman Bldg., Seattle, WA.; Linna LIGHTHALL, Mrs. A. D. Miles, 1302 Granger, Ann Arbor, MI.; Minnie SCHUMACHER, Chelsea, MI.; May WOOD, Mrs. Otto Luick, Chelsea, MI.; Thirza WALLACE, dec'd.

1898. Edith BOYD, Mrs. J. E. Weber, Chelsea, MI.; Mary BROESAMLE, Stenographer, 510-511 Donovan Bldg., Detroit, MI.; William BURKHART, dec'd.; Ethel COLE, Mrs. W. A. BeGole, Wayne, MI.; Earl FOSTER, Mail Clerk, 315 Tuxedo Ave., Highland Park; Helen HEPFER, dec'd.; Myrta IRWIN, Mrs. Tornblom, 1114 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI.; Lena MILLER, Milliner, Chelsea, MI.; Helene STEINBACH, Music Teacher, 14820 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH.; Orlando G. WOOD, Physician, Hart, MI.

1899. Edith BACON, Mrs. N. E. Phelps, 58 N. Hudson St., Coldwater, MI.; Warren BOYD, 1347 Lake St., San Francisco, CA.; Francis FENN, Ford Motor Co., 168 E. Buena Vista Ave., Highland Park, MI.; Henrietta FOSTER, Mrs. Wm. Abramson, Grand Forks, ND.; Lloyd GIFFORD, 105 Richton Ave., Detroit, MI; Carrie GOODRICH, Mrs. C. Klinger, Chelsea, MI.; John L. HINDELANG, Insurance Business, 234 Belmont Ave., Detroit, MI.; Ralph H. HOLMES, Mgr. Armour Grain Co., Box 450 Battle Creek, MI.; Fred A. JOHNSON, Physician, 113 E. Grove St., Greenville, MI.; Florence MARTIN, Mrs. D. L. Rogers, Chelsea, MI.; Don A. McCALL, River Rouge, MI.; Rose MULLEN, Mrs. Geo. Newcomb, 5906 Rohns Ave., Detroit, MI.; Ella NICKERSON, 194 Perry St., Pontiac, MI.; Faye PALMER, Dentist, Chelsea, MI.; Leigh PALMER, Business

Man, Chelsea, MI.; Paul G. SCHAIBLE, Pres. F. and M. Bank, Chelsea, MI.; Emma M. Wines, Teacher, Highland Park, 59 W. Philadelphia Ave., Detroit, MI.

1900. Florence COLLINS, Teacher, Pontiac, MI.; Earl FINKBEINER, Civil Engineer, 57 Floral Ave., Portland, Or.; Eva LUICK, Mrs. O. G. Wood, Hart, MI.; Mabel McGUINNESS, dec'd.; Evelyn MILLER, Office Work, 332 Maynard St., Ann Arbor, Mi.; Ward MORTON, dec'd. Frances NOYES, Mrs. Ralph Holmes, Box 450, Battle Creek, MI.; Linna RUNCIMAN, Mrs. O. C. Miller, 609 McBride Ave., Jackson, MI.; Nell SAVAGE, Nurse, St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI.; Bertha SCHUMACHER, Mrs Chauncey Freeman, Chelsea, MI.; Clara SNYDER, Mrs. Otto Hans, 220 S. Thayer St., Ann Arbor, MI.; Henry SPEER, Machinist, 1723 Southwest Lafayette Ave., Grand Rapids, MI.

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FOLLOW UP ON QUERY FROM MIRIAM ERWIN OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA

Miriam Erwin recently spent an afternoon in Ann Arbor with Ruth Whitaker exploring Fairview Cemetery and the northside neighborhood where Miriam's great-grandparents David and Betsy (Greene) LeSuer lived for awhile. David's father, Nathan Le Suer, is buried at Fairview. Miriam passed along an experience that illustrates just how important small items of history, and persistence can be.

When Miriam first wrote GSWC, one of the first things we did was check the Census for her and discovered that a previous researcher had misread the birthplace of Nathan LeSuer as "Germany" when it actually read "Vermont". We also noted that the Vermont/Massachusetts border was in question in early days.

Armed with this knowledge, Miriam didn't hesitate when a prospective cousin wrote back to her that HIS Nathan had never been in Vermont! This correspondent also included the information that a picture he had of his ancestor showed a gentleman with a large nose and mouth, a description which fit the photo that Miriam had of HER Nathan. Miriam sent a copy of her photo to the Massachusetts contact, and was thrilled to receive a letter by return mail that began, "Dear Cousin!". Through this relative she has been able to track her LeSuer kin back to Philip and Temperance LeSuer of Mendon, MA, 1712!

Miriam has put together books of family group and ancestor charts for her children that are beautiful, and a good idea for those of us who hesitate to write a more narrative history. You can still include pictures and anecdotes, but there is an organized framework to work with which makes the family history clear to even a casual reader. Miriam plans to place copies of this book in libraries where she thinks family members might look for information.

Following is Miriam's LeSuer line. (To use chart, find an individual's father by multiplying his/her number by two; for mother, add one to father's number.)

1. Miriam Sheldon, b 25 Nov 1909, Pine Island MN m Benjamin L. Erwin
2. Delevan Clark Sheldon, b 18 Jan 1878, Rochester MN
3. Bessie LeSuer Churchill, b 8 Oct 1879 Rochester MN
6. Albert John Churchill, b 25 Oct 1850, St. Johnsville NY
7. Ida Jane LeSuer, b 2 Oct 1855, Ann Arbor MI
14. David LeSuer, b 16 Dec 1809, Erie Co. NY
15. Elizabeth (Betsy) Greene, b 29 Apr 1815 NY
28. Nathan LeSuer, b 1776 VT/MA, d 26 Aug 1857, Ann Arbor MI
29. Polly Harris
56. John LeSuer, b 8 May 1749, Uxbridge MA
57. Tabitha Whitney, b 11 Mar 1738, Upton MA
132. Isaiah LeSuer, b 1 June 1721, Mendon MA
133. Rachel Allen, b 4 Sep 172?, Hopkinton, MA
264. Philip LeSuer
265. Temperance

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CORRECTION

Volume 6:1 p 16 (July 1982) Change Rachel Mucan to Rachel DANCER.
Volume 6:2 p 55 (October 1982) Canfield, Chase, Dean, Green, Letts etc. query.
Insert this line following the third line wch ends "son of John":
and Mary (Woodruff) Letts. M1 Sarah McComb 1828; m 2 Elizabeth

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QUERIES

BAXTER ELLIOT	William Baxter merchant in Manchester MI by 1834 b ca 1811 NY s of Nathan b CT 1762 Rev Sol to MI 1841; not in 1850 cen; seek Nathan's death date ...Mrs. H. W. Elliot 5248 Woodland Rd. Grovetown GA 30813
DOWNIE MUNSON	Thomas Munson Foundation plans Aug 1987 cele of 350 anniv his arriv in US. Updating info re Munson gen publi 1895 by Myron Munson. ...Connie Munson Downie 505 Lingle Terr Lafayette IN 47901
CHILDS, DOLSEN GILBERT HEWITT, KING PALMER, PARDEE PARSONS, PEASE PECK, POST SAILLY, SEWELL VAN DOLZEN	Sk desc Geo King, Maria Howell King, John Palmer m Charlotte Sailly, Frederick Pease m Josephine Dolsen, Walter Hewitt m Pauline Childs, Wm. R. Post m Mary Ann Pardee dtr Eliza(Platt) & Ariovistes Pardee. Leviticus Dolsen/Van Dolzen of Detroit bur Highland Cem Ypsi. Wch Mathew his fa? Josephine m Fred Pease; Lura m Samuel Parsons. Also int in Gilbert, Sewell & Peck fams. All early Ypsi. ...Margery King Webb 732 Woodfield Dr. Jackson MI 49203
BECHTEL STRATTON ZUCK	Christian Zuck/Zook patented SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 5 Northfield Twp 1831. Wf Lydia Stratton sis of Jonathan F. Stratton early County surveyor. 8 ch b Mi, 2 d here, where bur? Bldr Zuck House still standing at Whitmore Lake. ...John Bechtel 3559 E. 53rd St. Maywood CA 90270
FLORER SMITH WASHBURN WHETRO	Warren Washburn Florer prof German UM 1897-1918; pres Washt Co SAR 1914-17. b 17 May 1869 Loda, Iroquois Co IL d 17 Apr 1958 Dayton OH m Jeannette Smith dtr Chas Russell Smith Cheboygan MI. Sk fam bible owned by WWF 1927. ...Mrs. Jacquelyn Youse Whetro RR #2 Montpelier OH 43543 (Mrs. Whetro is corres sec of Williams Co OH Gen Soc & has offered to res there.)
BROKAW, GAY KOCH, RICH WALLINGTON/ WELLINGTON WOLCOTT	Sk desc John & Phebe Brokaw Northfield Twp ca 1837. Fam to Long Island NY 1675 w Dutch col.; info re Koch fam; Jacob Rich from Wurtemburg; Anna Wellington/Wallington m Alfred Harriot Brokaw ca 1855; Gay fam, esp Keziah Gay b Ct dtr Capt Jas Gay m Belden Wolcott d Jackson Co. ...Eva L. Rich 8612 Sandy Crest Dr Union Lake MI 48085
CONKLIN HAWKS KENDALL ZERWEKH	Hawks Inn His Soc Delafield WI sks fam Nelson Paige Hawks to WI 1837 fm Binghamton NY. Bro Grenville Hawks patentee Sec 12 Sharon Twp d ca Feb 1857 m Abigail. She m2 Eleazar Conklin. Grenville names Caroline Kendall in will & Abigail sold land to Chas Kendall 1869. Wld like to est relat w fam of Adam Hawks immi w Winthrop Fleet. ... Margaret Zerwekh 500 Mill Rd. Delafield WI 53018
ANDRUS BOWYER WARREN	Samuel & Eliza Andrus to Saline from NY ca 1837; 1850 Saline cen: Saml, 43, carpenter; Eliza, 42; Stephen, 22; John, 20; Cornelia, 18; Geo 16; Francis, 14; Emery, 13; Emogene, 11; Mary, 7; Saml, 4; Eliza 2. Stephen res Milan 1850-1913 m Maria Warren (1836-1915) both bur Mooreville cem. Sk info re Saml, Eliza & ch. May have been Baptists. ...Brent Bowyer 781 Kember Ave., Sarnia Ont N7S 2 T3

HESTON ZINN	Seek current address for "The Heston Historian" founded by John P. Heston of Allen Park MI. Res Comm checked with phone co, and lists of family periodicals in "Genealogical Helper". Referred Ms Zinn to Det. Soc for Gen Res and Allen Park Hist Soc. ...Melba Zinn Rte 3, Box 169 Grafton WV 26354
KENDRICK THOMPSON	Would like to contact desc of James & Mary Thompson who came to AA & Ypsi 1877 from Chatham Ont. Can. Ch: Andrew, Alice, George, Mary Ann, & William. ...Mrs. Alimay Thompson Kendrick 3814 Callaway Av Baltimore MD 21215
CRAWFORD COLLINS LUCAS NEWTON TALBERT/TALBOT	Searching fam of William & Maria Talbert in Milan, Monroe Co MI 1900 Census. Wm d 1910. Maria b VA ca 1843 & was mentioned in an article in Amherstberg "Echo" (Ont. Can.) in 1914 as Mrs. Talbot. M (2) Mr. Lucas; d Ypsi 11 Feb 1923. Res Comm was able to trace fam in Ypsi directories, and was able to locate Maria's D. Rec. Discovered "Mr. Lucas" must have been Austin Lucas, a mason, liv in Ypsi. Ms. Crawford will be searching Wastenaw records further. We hope she will write something for us about her great-grandmother who was b in VA before the Civil War, and came to MI via Canada. The research work will be involved and we're sure Ms Crawford would be glad to hear from others who have done research on black families, esp in the south pre-1865. Maria's father is listed as "William Jones" on her death cert; mother's name not given. Sev "cousins" have been located in Ypsilanti. ...Marion Crawford 611 Orleans #34 Detroit MI 48207
BLACK COMSTOCK MORRIS	Elisha Comstock mar 1828 Mary Ann Black- 1st mar in Salem Twp. Who were Mary Ann's parents? Was John Black, in Salem 1850 Cen. her brother? Would like to contact any desc of this fam. ...Betty Lou (Comstock) Morris 96 S. Wilson Blvd. Mt. Clemens MI 48043
KING MILLER	Gr gr grandfather Thomas King nat in Washt Co. To CA ca 1860. Sons: John & William both b MI. Has res Census with no success. Res Comm ref her to County Clerk for nat records and sent names of several other persons int in Kings. ...Dorothy L. Miller 920 Harold Lane Healdsburg CA 95448
AMES COLLINS McCORMICK	Would like vital stats on gr grandfather, Joseph McCormick b Scotland ca 1830; res "near Ypsilanti MI". Mar _____ Ames, dtr of a pioneer physician of Detroit. Ch: Charles Joseph b Nov 1863; George E. b Nov 1855; Edward H. b Sep 1862. Presbyterian. Ypsi Hist Soc has nothing on Joseph; there are a number of McCormicks in histories and files, but mostly b NY and no Joseph. ...June McCormick Collins (Mrs. Orvis F.) 146 N. Brier Rd. Tonawanda NY 14156
FROST HAMMOND HOGAN ROCKWELL RUTAN	Dennis J. Rockwell 1814 b Stanbridge East(?) Quebec son of Timothy & Mary (Frost) Rockwell. Timothy b Vt; Mary b MA. Timothy d 1821 fam moved to Peru NY then to LeRoy NY then to Sylvan Twp Washt Co. Dennis was a teacher, came to MI 1831 and set in Sylvan by 1854, m 1844 Mary Jane Hogan. Ch: Fanny m Dr. J. Rutan who d 1872; mw and res Gratiot Co MI; David, a farmer; Mary m Irving Hammond of Gratiot Co. An Eli Rockwell set Lyndon Twp 1836. Would like to correspond re this fam. ...Margaret J. Rockwell 7559 Irvine Ave. No Hollywood CA 91605

GALE GOODSPEED MARKHAM McKNIGHT SMITH	Stephen Markham (1816 NY-1904 MI) s of Edward m Harriet Smith (1818-1904) dtr Martin Smith res Sec 22 Superior Twp (Harris Rd) ca 56y. Son Oliver (1837 NY-1903 MI) m Abigail Cook of Saline (1842-1914); gson Floyd, beekeeper, all res home place. Rel ? A. B. Markham, walked to MI from Ont Co NY 1825? Info re Jas McKnight & Andrew Bishop McKnight of AA. ...Mrs. Harlan Haskell 22796 Frederick Farmington MI 48024
BALL BARTON THOMPSON	Info re Sarah (Barton) & John Milton Ball Pittsfield Twp 1834 from Cortland & Chenango Cos NY. 10 ch. incl Darius; John, Jr m Dora L.? ...Katharyn Mulvaney 145 Avondale Ave Jackson MI 49203
BARTHOLOMEW FRITZINGER HESS KUHNS MOYER,REX STEFFEN/STEFFEY	Sk desc Abraham Steffen/Steffey b 1796 m Sallie Kuhns(1800-1881) Salem Twp bur St. Johns Evan. Ch. Northfield; Robt Bartholomew fam b 1817/22 m Eliza, dtr Fianna b 1846 d 1888 Salem bur Peebles Corners Cem; later at Rueal Hill in Northville, m Franklin Moyer rel fams Hess, Rex, Fritzinger. ...Patricia Johnston 4160 Hayes St Wayne MI 48184
BAUER, BAXTER DORITY GILLETTE/ GILLET, HOWE NIETZ/NITZ/ KNIGHT SECKINGER/ SICKINGER STAPISH,STONE WOODWARD	Sk par sibs & ch Fidelis Seckinger b 1830 Baden Ger d 1878 m (where?) Clara Stapish. Bot land Freedom Twp 1867. Ch b MI fm 1855 (where?). Fidelis & Clara bur Mt. Olivet Chelsea MI. No d rec fnd for Fidelis. Also: Wm Baxter, Plymouth MI b CAN (where?)fa Henry b CAN, Will m Mary Emma Dority res Plymouth MI; Bauer, Livonia MI; Howe, Poughkeepsie NY; Woodward, Onondaga NY; Gillette/Gillet, Cortland Co NY; Nietz/Nitz/ Knight, Aurora IL & PA (where?). ...Susan M. Stone 311 Gillmore Ct Michigan Center MI 49254
WARDELL/ WARDLE	Any info re Wardle/Wardle fam very early Augusta Twp & Monroe Co esp James, Clyde, Clarence & Lorenda. ...Bernice Wardell Box 246 Laurens NY 13796 (Mrs. W. is a GSWC memb and town historian of Laurens, Otsego Co NY. She does gen and his res in the area.)
BIERMAN FELDKAMP JEDELE KAPPLER MUEHLIG ROWLAND VOLZ	John Geo Volz b 1822 Wurtemburg m 1848 Lodi Twp Anna Maria Feldkamp b 1826 Schale, Westphalia. Ch b 1849-1869; Clara Marie m Jacob Jedele; Amelia m John Jacob Muehlig; Dorthea Catherine m John Geo Kappler; John Geo m Mary; Caroline m ...Bierman; others, Frederick, Lucy (Louisa?), Sophia, Lydia, Emma, John Adam. Sk descs and all info. ...Ragena Rowland 2432 Kenilworth Cleveland Hts OH 44106

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CHELSEA, MICHIGAN

By Kathleen Chapman

Possibly the earliest religious services in Sylvan Township were held by the Catholics. Beginning in 1833 the home of Thomas Carroll in Section 9 was occasionally opened to the Roman Catholics who in 1844 began using their new St. Mary's Church in the northeast quarter of Section 4, east of Mill Lake, where Old St. Mary's cemetery is located. A church was built in Chelsea in 1869 and services were held there. This was razed in 1957 because the foundation had deteriorated too badly and the gym of their St. Mary's parochial school was utilized. In 1967 a new church on a new site on east Old U. S. 12 was dedicated. The earlier Catholics in Sylvan were of Irish descent; they were later joined by numerous German immigrant families.

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